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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: PANAM-AIR ZAIRE

REF: KINSHASA 6550

1. RICE CALLED AF/C JULY 15 TO DISCUSS REPORT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CECCHET ESSENTIALLY ALONG LINES REFTEL. RICE RECALLED THAT DURING HIS LAST VISIT TO KINSHASA HE HAD OFFERED INGONGA CHANCE TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES TO REPLACE HUTT. INGONGA HAD SAID THAT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY AND THAT PANAM SHOULD MAKE ITS OWN SELECTION; RICE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY STRONGLY HINTED THAT CHOICE WOULD BE BLAKE. RICE AT LOSS, THEREFORE, TO UNDERSTAND INGONGA'S REFUSAL RECEIVE BLAKE AND ATTITUDE TOWARD BLAKE REPORTED REFTEL. ACCORDING TO RICE, HIS CABLE TO INGONGA ADVISING HIM OF BLAKE APPOINTMENT WAS SENT TELEGRAPHICALLY IN ADVANCE AND THEN ALSO HAND-DELIVERED TO INGONGA'S OFFICE THE DAY AFTER BLAKE'S ARRIVAL.

2. IN COURSE OF REVIEWING SITUATION, RICE MENTIONED THAT
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DURING KINSHASA TALKS INGONGA HAD SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO

CHANGE AIR ZAIRE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE TO HAVE ZAIRIAN
AS ADMINISTRATER DELEGE WITH TA, TEAM LEADER AS ADJOINT,
RETAINING FULL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BUT DROPPING TITLE

OF DIRECTEUR GENERALE. RICE HAD READILY AGREED TO THIS,
AND HAS BEEN AWAITING FORMAL PROPOSAL FROM INGONGA
FOR AMENDMENT OF TAP AGREEMENT TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM DEPTOFF, RICE ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT HE HAD USED TERM "DIRECTEUR GENERALE" IN CABLE
ANNOUNCING BLAKE APPOINTMENT AND THAT THIS, TOGETHER
WITH BLAKE'S SENIOR RANK IN PANAM ORGANIZATION, MIGHT
HAVE SIGNALLED TO INGONGA THAT RICE WAS RENEGING ON
AGREEMENT ABOUT ADMIN STRUCTURE CHANGE. RICE SAID
THIS WAS NOT HIS INTENTION AT ALL AND IS CALLING
JOE GATT TO DISCUSS HOW MISUNDERSTANDING, IF THERE HAS
BEEN ONE, CAN BEST BE RECTIFIED AND TO GET GATT'S VIEWS
ON OVERALL SITUATION. KISSINGER

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